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62. A magnetic/metallic security device for use with an
item to provide multiple security features, said
magnetic/metallic security device comprising:
a carrier substrate;
a metallic layer disposed on at least a portion of said
carrier substrate, for providing metallic security features; and
a magnetic layer disposed on and in substantially identical
registration with said metallic layer, for providing magnetic
security features, wherein said magnetic layer and said metallic
layer together form visually identifiable magnetic/metal graphic
indicia in the form of discrete, non-connected, graphic indicia
on said at least a portion of said carrier substrate.

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's review of the present application.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-10, 12-19 and 25-39 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11, 22, 40, 43 and 46-49. Claims 22, 27, 34 and 41-44 have been canceled, without prejudice; claims 1, 3, 12, 20, 21, 23, 29, 35, 45, 47, 48 and 49 have been amended; and new claims 50-62 have been added. Claims 1-21, 23-26, 28-34, 35-40 and 45-62 are now pending.

Applicants have amended independent claim 20 to include the allowable subject matter from claim 22. Accordingly, applicants request that the examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 20 and all claims dependent therefrom.

Applicants have rewritten independent claim 41 as new claim 50. Applicants have also rewritten allowed claim 1 as new claim 55.

The examiner had previously also rejected claim 43 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter that was not described in the specification. Without prejudice and without agreement with the Examiner's rejection, claim 43 has been rewritten as new claim 52 which recites that the data recorded on the magnetic region is analog data. Applicants respectfully point out that the recording of analog data on the magnetic region is supported in the original specification at least on page 14, lines 9-20 and on page 15, lines 1-9.

The examiner had also rejected claims 11 and 40 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants have amended claims 11, 39 and 40 to correct the antecedent basis problems noted by the examiner.

The examiner had objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing the three magnetic levels recited in claim 46. As shown in the proposed drawing correction submitted herewith, FIG. 4B has been corrected to show a third magnetic level 28c in red. Applicant has also amended the specification

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on page 17, line 3, to include a description of the three magnetic levels. Applicant notes that, since original claim 46 recites the three magnetic levels, neither the drawing correction, nor the amendment to the specification, add new matter.

The examiner has also objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because of missing reference signs. As shown in the proposed drawing correction submitted herewith, FIG. 8 has been corrected to include the reference numeral 42b shown in red.

Accordingly, applicant requests that both objections to the drawings be withdrawn. If the examiner approves the proposed drawing corrections, applicant will submit formal drawings including the corrections upon receiving a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant has also amended the specification to make the other minor changes noted by the examiner.

Applicant has amended various claims and added additional claims to more clearly and fully claim the present invention. No new matter has been entered.


Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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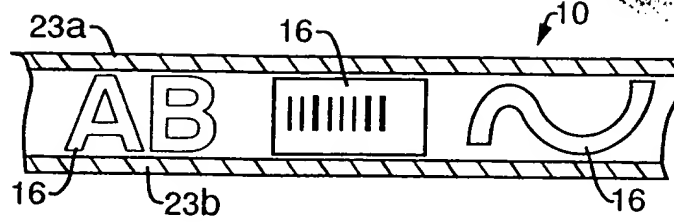
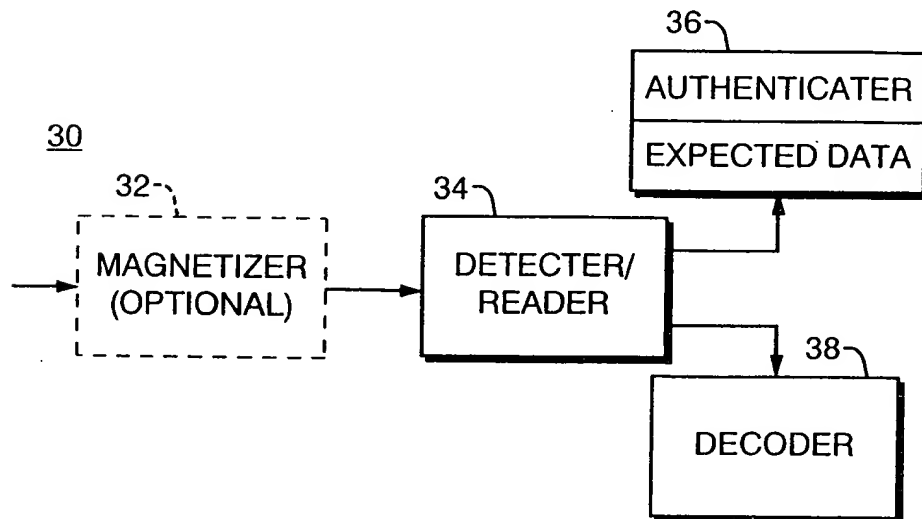
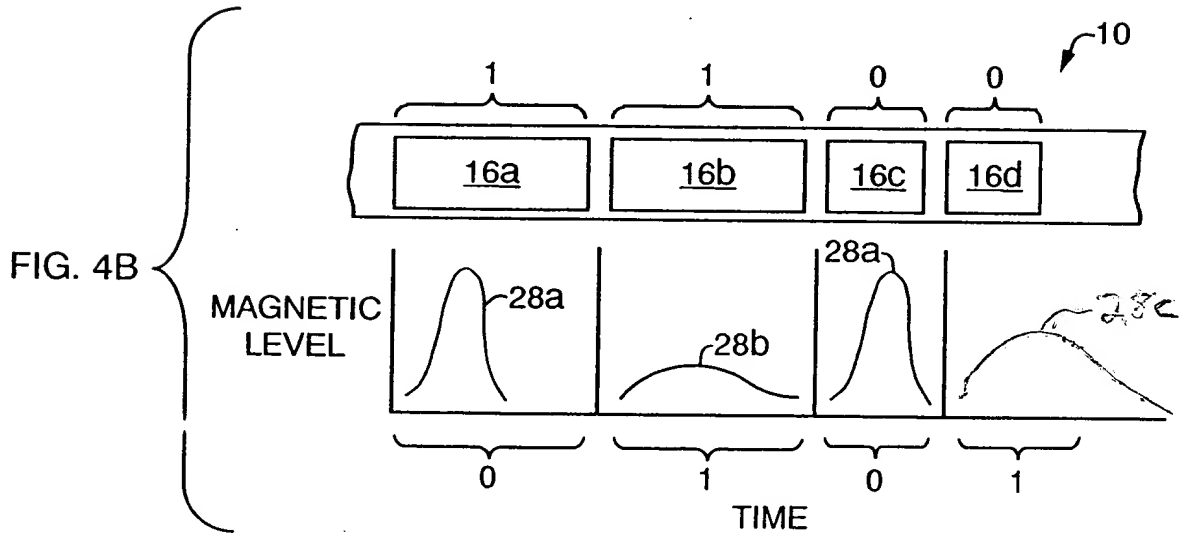


FIG. 4A



Proposed Figs. 4B & 4C are approved B.C.

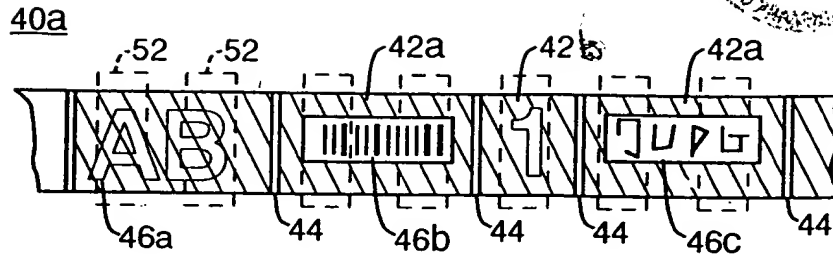
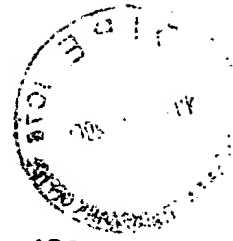


FIG. 8

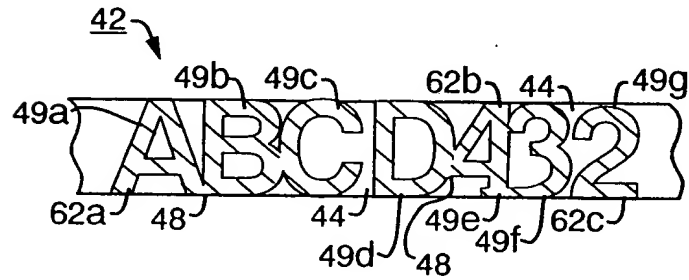


FIG. 9

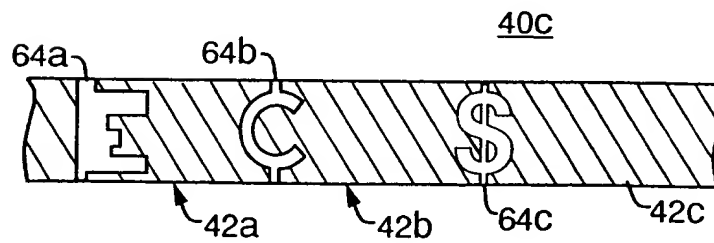


FIG. 10

